

January 7, 2003

D.T.E. 02-80A (Phase II)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

Petition of Boston Edison Company, d/b/a/ NSTAR Electric, requesting approval of its Transition Charge Reconciliation filing, together with proposed Transition Charges for Boston Edison Company, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §1A(a), 220 C.M.R. § 11.03 (4)(e), and the Restructuring Settlement Agreement Approved by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy in D.P.U./D.T.E. 96-23.

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On December 5, 2002, Boston Edison Company ("Boston Edison" or "Company"), Cambridge Electric Light Company ("Cambridge"), and Commonwealth Electric Company ("Commonwealth"), d/b/a as NSTAR Electric, filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") a combined 2002 Reconciliation Filing ("Filing"). The Filing includes a reconciliation of 2002 transition, transmission, standard offer, and default service costs and revenues for Boston Edison, Cambridge, and Commonwealth, as well as proposed updated charges and tariffs to be effective January 1, 2003.

The Department docketed that portion of the Filing that pertained to Boston Edison as D.T.E. 02-80A. BECo proposed the following charges for 2003: average transition charge of \$0.01840 per kilowatthour ("KWH"); average transmission charge of \$0.00751 per KWH; and standard offer charge of \$0.04950 per KWH. Further, BECo proposed changes in charges for energy efficiency and renewables programs pursuant to G.L. c. 25, §§ 19 and 20. On December 27, 2002, the Department approved BECo's tariffs and charges to take effect on January 1, 2003, subject to further investigation and reconciliation. Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 02-80A (2002).

In this phase of the proceeding, the Department will examine issues including, but not limited to, consistency of the updated charges and tariffs with the methods and provisions approved in Boston Edison Company, D.P.U./D.T.E. 96-23 (1998), and compliance with Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 01-78 (Phase II) (2002); Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 00-82 (Phase II) (2001); Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 99-107 (Phase II) (2000); and Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 98-111 (1999).

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the Company's filing at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 30, 2003, at the Department's offices - One South

Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110. Following the public hearing, the Department will conduct a procedural conference.

Any person who wishes to submit written comments may do so by filing an original and five (5) copies of such comments with: Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, no later than the close of business Thursday, January 30, 2003.

Any person seeking to intervene in this investigation must file an original and five (5) copies of a written petition for leave to intervene or to participate in this proceeding no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) January 23, 2003 with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

A petition to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. Receipt by the Department -- not mailing -- constitutes filing and determines whether a petition is timely filed. A late-filed petition may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver. To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

All written pleadings or comments must also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to [dte.efiling@state.ma.us](mailto:dte.efiling@state.ma.us); or (2) on a 3.5" floppy diskette, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the diskette label must specify: (1) an easily identifiable case caption; (2) docket number; (3) name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (4) a brief descriptive title or document (e.g., comments or petition to intervene). The electronic filing should also include the name, title and phone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be written in either Word Perfect (naming the document with a ".wpd" suffix) or in Microsoft Word, (naming the document with a ".doc" suffix). Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. Documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Website, <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

A copy of the Company's filing is on file at the Department's offices, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 for public view during business hours. Copies of the filing are also on file for public view at NSTAR, 800 Boylston Street, 17<sup>th</sup> floor Boston, Massachusetts 02199. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing should contact Robert Werlin, Esq., at (617) 951-1400. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact William H. Stevens, Jr., Hearing Officer, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, at (617) 305-3620.

ORDER OF NOTICE

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The Company, Boston Edison Company shall, no later fourteen (14) days prior to January 30, 2003 give notice of said hearing by publication hereof in the Boston Globe or the Boston Herald. The Company shall also serve a copy of the notice on the Chairmen, Board of Selectmen, Mayors, Town Clerks and City Clerks of the towns and cities in the Company's service area, post a copy of the notice in each town or city hall in the Company's service area until the comment period has expired, provide actual notice to any person who has filed a request for notice with the Company, and provide a copy of this notice to all participants in Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 01-78 (Phase II) (2002); Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 00-82 (Phase II) (2001); Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 99-107 (Phase II) (2000); Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 98-111 (1999); Boston Edison Company, D.P.U./D.T.E. 96-23 (1998); and Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 97-113 (1998). The Company shall make return of service and publication at the time of the public hearing.

By Order of the Department,

MARY L. COTTRELL, SECRETARY

